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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

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 A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

 Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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